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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Comptroller

23 August 1956

THROUGH : Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Attached Invoices from Firewell

25X1A 1. I was slightly surprised to see that we are buying from the Firewell Company various subassemblies for our personal equipment. I was under the impression that all personal equipment, including spares and sub-assemblies, was being procured by the Air Force for our project and that our contract with Firewell covered only the service of their representatives at [REDACTED] and elsewhere. Could you advise me on this point?

2. I hasten to add that I am on the whole pleased if we are now undertaking the procurement of material of this sort with our own funds. I have long felt that we would be better off if we had handled the procurement of personal equipment ourselves from the beginning and thus be in a position to exercise rather more pressure on our suppliers. My feeling is not strong enough to suggest any change in existing arrangements at this late date but only to make clear my views.

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